

the opportunity to recognize these hard-working individuals.

RECOGNIZING MOUNT LAUREL
CHIEF JOHN COLUCCI

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief John M. Colucci of the Mount Laurel Fire Department on his twenty-five years of service to Mount Laurel and to congratulate Chief Colucci on his much-deserved retirement.

A beloved son of New Jersey, Chief Colucci returned to New Jersey to begin his career in the fire service in 1994, after serving in the Navy. While in the Navy, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star, the Armed Forces Joint Expeditionary Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Battle "E" Award and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Throughout his twenty-five years as a firefighter in New Jersey, Chief Colucci contributed greatly to the town of Mount Laurel and New Jersey. During his time as Chief of Department, Chief Colucci was dedicated to improving safety and quality of life for firefighters and the residents of Mount Laurel Township. Among his many achievements, Chief Colucci improved the department's ISO rating from a Class 4 to a Class 3, fully implemented a 24-hour staffing plan to increase fire safety and oversaw upgrades in technology, firefighting equipment and the firefighter bailout system. Chief Colucci also founded the Mount Laurel Firefighters Foundation, 501c3, served as Scholarship Chair of the Burlington County Fire Chiefs Associations, and served as President of the New Jersey Career Fire Chiefs Association from 2018 to 2020.

I commend Chief Colucci for his work, and I know I speak on behalf of my constituents when I say Chief Colucci will be missed.

OSCAR DE LA ROSA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Oscar De La Rosa for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Oscar De La Rosa is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. H.S. and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Oscar De La Rosa is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Oscar De La Rosa for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the

same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF ELIZABETH
WAKNUK'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SUZAN K. DeBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DeBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elizabeth Waknuk of Bellingham, Washington on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Mrs. Waknuk migrated to the United States in 1954 from Canada. With her family, she moved to the United States with only \$200 in hand and worked hard to start a life here while raising her four children. Until retirement, she worked as a supervisor for housekeeping at the University of Washington.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Elizabeth Waknuk on her 100th birthday. She has raised a wonderful and caring family, who I join in extending my heartfelt well wishes on this special occasion.

HONORING BOB PHILLIPS III

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate my longtime friend Bob Phillips III who went to be with his Savior on March 5, 2021. As we reflect on his extraordinary life, my thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

Blessed with a fierce intellect, Bob excelled at law school and went on to become one of Texas' premier attorneys. As a retired judge, I've seen many lawyers in practice and Bob, a tireless advocate for his clients, was one of the best.

His was a life of devotion to causes bigger than himself. I was blessed to share a Bible study with Bob where he taught, rejoiced in, and worked to make the lessons of the gospel attainable to all. Like his beloved Savior, Bob did not come to be served, but to serve, and the teachings of Christ guided Bob throughout his life. While I miss him here on Earth, I know he is in Heaven with the Son of Man who gave his life as a ransom for many.

Bob never shied away from coaching little leaguers or future attorneys and always rejoiced in thoughtful debate and good conversation. Throughout their joyous relationship, Bob and Jeanne, the love of his life, lived, loved, and prospered as one. Proud parents of five children and grandparents of seven, they kept family at the center of their lives. Bob's love of the game of baseball and his zeal for the gospel of Jesus Christ were two of the many legacies Bob passed down to his children, grandchildren, and so many others who were blessed to know him.

While I join Bob Phillips' family and friends in mourning his passing, the positive impacts he had on the lives of others will remain in our hearts forever.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF
COACH STEVE JENKINS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the historic career of Evangel University's longtime Men's Basketball coach Steve Jenkins.

After graduating summa cum laude as a student athlete from Evangel in 1974, Coach Jenkins returned to the school in 1977 as an assistant basketball coach. From 1978 to 1983, he served as head coach for the University's baseball team, earning a record of 132–97–3. He also served as head coach of the golf team from 1998 to 2016, bringing the program its first conference championship, and winning Heart Coach of the Year in 2010 and 2012. His role as head coach of the basketball team has been his longest, taking over in 1982 and serving in that position ever since. During his tenure, Coach Jenkins has posted a record of 692–542 (.561) and has won 7 Heart of America Conference Championships, while competing in the NAIA Tournament 13 times. His team won the National Title in 2002, with a record of 35–1. He has been named Heart Conference Coach of the Year 7 times and won NAIA Coach of the Year in 2002.

Coach Jenkins record goes beyond wins and losses. A total of 24 of his former players have been named first-team All-Heart Conference, with 6 earning the league's Player of the Year award, along with 2 Freshman of the Year nominees, 4 Newcomer of the Year winners, and one Defensive Player of the Year Recipient. He has also coached 33 NAIA All-American players. As coach of the baseball team, 5 players won All-District honors, including the first NAIA All-American and Academic All-American in program history. More than 30 of his former players and staff members have gone on to hold coaching positions across the nation. This is a testament to the true teacher and mentor that Coach Jenkins is.

In 2014, Coach Jenkins was inducted to the NAIA Hall of Fame, the second inductee from Evangel. This followed his induction to the Evangel Athletics Hall of Fame in 2006, the Millwood Golf and Racquet Club Hall of Fame and Springfield Area Sports Hall of Fame in 2011, and the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2013. In 2016, he was inducted to the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

Madam Speaker, Coach Jenkins has proven his incredible leadership and coaching skills, and I wish him and his family a happy retirement.

SAKARA TWO EAGLES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sakara Two Eagles for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.